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 The Steamship
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 Captain ARNOLD, will be
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The Co.'s Steamship
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be despatched as above on
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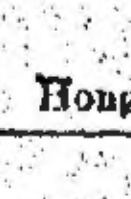
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 The Steamship
 Polyhymnia,
 Capt. J. BEUNESS, will
 be despatched for the above
 Ports on MONDAY, the 27th Instant,
 Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 SIEMSEN & Co.,
 Agents.
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 JENKINS, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
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Hongkong, September 13, 1890. 16

FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 *L.L. American Ship*
 DUNNING, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
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Hongkong, August 27, 1890. 15

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HONGKONG.
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This ESTABLISHMENT is situated in a most central position, opposite the Telegraph Office and two doors from the Charter Bank: It offers FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION to RESIDENTS and TRAVELLERS, a spacious DINING ROOM, and a large number of well FURNISHED BED ROOMS with all comforts. A Good Table kept.
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Mrs. BOHM
Proprietress.

Hongkong, August 30, 1890. 14

but poor prices would have been obtained. If the standard on which he estimates the

price of land is the inflated rates prevailing eighteen months ago, and if it is the policy of the Government to 'hold' land until these prices are again reached, they are doing the most they can to perpetuate those periods of inflation and depression which are so disastrous to the growth and prosperity of the Colony; for, if prices are forced

Up again, the same consequences will inevitably follow—trade will decrease, immigration will fall off and the sale of land will have to be temporarily stopped. The duty of the Government is to ease the market gradually and to be content with fair prices.

serious consideration at the present moment is what is to be done in the near future. Our position is briefly this: The estimated revenue for next year is \$2,062,028; the estimated ordinary expenditure is \$1,674,780, showing a balance of \$387,318. This is so far satisfactory, and it is worth no pressing need for improvements we might live on in the happy condition of the man whose income exceeds his expenditure. But we cannot remain stationary. Large improvement works have been commenced, most of which are absolutely necessary; and we cannot stop operations unless we are prepared to lose the money we have already spent at

the career about the development of the Colony. We plunged rather too hastily, it must be confessed, into some of the undertakings. Governor Des Voeux, with his would-be benevolent autocracy, seldom thought of consulting the Legislative Council before he authorized the commencement of a public work; but he is not alone to blame, for most of the items in the large list of works we published last night - one or two which might have been postponed without great inconvenience—were sanctioned by the Council. The total cost of the public works commenced, or about to be commenced, is £2,636,237. Of this amount, it is estimated that £327,135 will have been

spent by the end of this year, leaving \$2,000,000 to be expended. The Acting Governor proposes to spend about the half of this next year, \$920,277. To meet this expense he has estimated balance at the end of this year, \$441,629, and the estimated balance for 1891, \$377,318, in all \$819,947, or \$200,000—\$100,000 less than the sum required. The Government must therefore either abandon some of the works, or proceed more slowly, with their construction, or borrow money. There are disadvantages attached to all the alternatives. We had only next year to consider, a solution might easily be found. The Gaelic housing scheme is to cost \$1,000,000.

pone this work for a year. Sir James
 Russell, we are glad to see, has returned
 the Colony with his ravian. If the man-
 trator would co-operate with him in the
 sphere, the number of prisoners might easily
 be reduced, and another year might
 pass without great inconvenience. But
 at the end of 1891, we should be in no bet-
 ter position. There would remain work
 to be done costing £1,000,000, and even pre-
 suming our financial position is as good as
 at present, we should have still about
 £350,000 to meet this expenditure.
 To the second alternative, there is but a
 strong objection that slowly-executed
 works are always the most costly and the

The public mind of the Colony is concerning the 'Central Market' for example, if the revenue of the Colony would be directed improved by their speedy completion. The third alternative is, we think, the most acceptable. But, if it is adopted by the Government it would be well to be in mind Mr Keswick's note of warning. The decrease in light dues, being 100,000 is not a very reassuring symptom, as although there is an increase in acreage, viz., the thousand or so empty houses the colony wants that we must not rest too much on it is increase. It must also be remembered that our expenses are gradually increasing, and there are the demands of the Imperial military authorities to be considered. We have already a debt of about £150,000, and in the present condition of the colony it would not be wise to incur it very much. A loan of £1,000,000 would

suggested this on the other day. But it might be well to be more modest and 'canny.' Despite the many advantages of silver loan raised in the Colony, we do not suppose the Colonial Office will agree to such a proposal. A colonial loan is too often a business for the Crown Agents to let it out.

borrow £100,000, which is equivalent to about \$600,000. We shall have \$800,000 at our disposal next year for public works. If we add the loan, we have a total of \$1,400,000. This leaves only \$600,000 to complete the present programme of works—a balance which will

essly be left to ordinary revenues. On this basis of next year's estimates, we may expect a balance of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure of \$300,000, even after deducting \$45,000 for sinking fund payments in the two years therefore after the end of 1891, the whole programme could be completed. When it is remembered that it will take longer than this for the engineers to finish some of the *works*, such as the drainage of the Colony, it will be seen that the proposed loan of \$900,000 will amply

most our present necessities. Before deciding, however, as to the amount of the loan, if such a scheme is sanctioned, it will be necessary to ascertain whether, besides those on the list submitted to Council yesterday, there are any other large works of equal importance which will have to be undertaken in the near future.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
OUTWARD BOUND: *Gay Manaring*, Ben-
lomon, Sept. 30; *Glenloch*, Oct. 3;
Braunshweig, *Cleopatra*, *Prometheus*,
Sikh, 7; *Pembroke*, *Antioch*, 10;
Melbourne, *Titan*, *Medusa*, 14.

HOMEWARD BOUND: *Bombay*, *Dagmar*,
Sept. 30; *Galley of Lorne*, *Glenloch*,
Glenloch, *Antioch*, *Pekin*, October 7;
Prism, *Benbow*, *Euphrates*, 10; *Ping-
suey*, 14.

The M. M. Co.'s steamship *Orma*, with the
French mail of Sept. 19th, left Saigon
on Sunday, October 19th, at 3 a.m.,
and may be expected here on or about
Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. This packet
brings replies to letters despatched from
Hongkong on Aug. 14.

The O. and C. Co.'s *Godie*, with the
AMERICAN MAIL of the 1st October,
leaves Yokohama on Tuesday, Oct.
21st, at daylight, and may be expected
here on or about Monday, Oct. 27th.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Patella* left
Singapore on the 14th Oct., at 1 p.m.,
and may be expected here on or about
the 21st Oct.

The S. S. *Arcton* Apoor, with mails, &c.,
from Calcutta, left Singapore on the
15th Oct., and may be expected here
on or about the 22nd Oct.

The U. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Menelaus*, from Li-
verpool, left Singapore on October 16,
and may be expected here on or about
the 24th.

The D. D. R. s.s. *Cecilia* left Singapore
on the 16th Oct., at 1 p.m., and may
be expected here on or about the 23rd
Oct.

The *Mogul Line* s.s. *Mogul* left Singapore
on the 17th Oct., and may be expected
here on or about the 23rd Oct.

The *Shiro Line* s.s. *Monmouthshire* left
Singapore on the 17th Oct., and may
be expected here on or about the 24th
Oct.

The N. G. J. s.s. *Bornida* left Singapore
on the 21st Oct., and may be expected
here on or about the 28th Oct.

The P. & O. s.s. *Zambarda* left Bombay
for this port on the 17th Oct. at noon.

Messrs Carlitz & Co. inform us that the
N. G. I. steamer *Bornida* left Singapore
for this port this morning, and may be ex-
pected here on or about the 28th instant.

This meeting of shareholders of the Hong-
kong Marine Co., Limited, which was to
have been held this afternoon, had to be
postponed, there not being a quorum
present.

The two Japanese cruisers *Kokubo* and *Hiei*,
on board which the survivors of the *Teru-
gun* disaster are being taken home, arrived
here this afternoon and exchanged salutes
with the port.

His Excellency M. Lemaire, French Minis-
ter to Peking, and Madame Lemaire,
arrived at Hongkong to-day on their way
to France. As stated before, M. Bistulhu-
ber acts as chargé d'affaires during the
absence of M. Lemaire.

An exhibition which has certainly a good
claim to be called "novel and mysterious" is
at present to be given at No. 9 Lyndhurst
Terrace. The "mystery" which consists
in a series of wonderful transformations
undergone by objects in full view of the
spectators, is very cleverly managed, and
the show is well worthy of a visit.

Prince Henri d'Orléans, who is accom-
panied by M. Bonvalot, arrived here to-
day from Haiphong, by the steamer *Hai-
phong*. The Prince was met by Mr.
May, Private Secretary to H. E. the
Acting Governor. Prince Henri has just
completed a journey across Central Asia,
on which he started fifteen months ago.

Miss Grace Plaided's Company will give
another performance of the most popular
pieces in their repertory, "My Sweetheart,"
to-night. A performance of Bellini's beau-
tiful opera "La Sonnambula" will be given
on Thursday evening, when Mr. C. H. Green
will appear as Count Rodolfo and a num-
ber of local amateurs will assist in the
chorus.

Engraving is not so frequently
heard of now as it used to be before the
rattan was regularly adopted by the Mis-
trals as a specific for this form of thiev-
ing, but a case still turns up once in a
while. In one that came before Mr.
Wodehouse to-day, in which the prisoner
was a rice pounder named Yip Sik, the
sentence was nine months' hard labour and
two whippings of fifteen strokes each.

Two richly costumed women were charged before
Mr. Wodehouse to-day, at the instance of
Inspector Hanson, with stealing a couple of
bank cheques, one for \$20 and the other
for \$25, the property of Surgeon Major
Robbins. From the evidence it appeared
that one of the prisoners took the cheques
to a Chinese shop and tried to get them
changed for Japanese dollars. The shop-
man took the documents to a money-
changer, who advised him to take them to
the bank. On the way he was presented at
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank the
shopman was arrested, and the theft dis-
covered. The case was remanded.

FRANK LINCOLN, the humourist, recently
said some funny things to an interviewer
from the *Kobe Herald*, and told him a
couple of smart stories, amongst them being
the following: "It was at the Hotel at
Nagasaki. One morning I heard the boy
say to an American who was stopping there
that 'Gee! said the American, 'how the
hell did you know I was from this State?'
There he was, and he was from Japan
anyway. Here's a dollar for you."

Two foreigners were drowned in the river
at Shanghai last week. The first was a
Frenchman belonging to the *Necher*, who fell into
the water while going over the side of
the vessel to get on the pontoon alongside.
The other case of drowning occurred on
Thursday afternoon when a sailor belong-
ing to the *Lord Benger* slipped while
water while stepping into a boat alongside
the steamer. Neither of the bodies has
been found yet.

The evidence against the rider of the two
wheelers who were charged with the
carriage at Shanghai was so far com-
pleted on Wednesday last that he was
committed for trial.

THREE Chinese women were charged before
Mr. Wodehouse to-day, at the instance of
Inspector Stanton, with bringing a couple
of Chinese girls into the colony and detain-
ing them for the purpose of prostitution.
The girls said they had been sold by their
parents, but they did not wish to become
prostitutes. The case was remanded, bail
for each prisoner being fixed at \$50.

The first lot of subscription gifts, fifteen
in number, which arrived by the steamer
Canter, were drawn for at Kennedy's
Horse Repository yesterday afternoon.
The drawing resulted as follows:—No. 1,
grey, (1 min. 36½ sec.) Mr. G. T. Veitch;
No. 2, grey, (1 min. 37½ sec.) Mr. H. Ma-
clean; No. 3, chestnut, (1 min. 37 sec.) Mr.
D. McCulloch; No. 4, grey, (1 min. 36½
sec.) Mr. W. A. Cruickshank; No. 5, grey,
(1 min. 36½ sec.) Mr. A. G. Morris; No. 6,
chestnut, (1 min. 39 sec.) Mr. McLeavy;
Brown; No. 7, spotted, (1 min. 39 sec.)
Mr. H. N. Mody; No. 8, grey, (1 min. 39½
sec.) Mr. H. W. Dick; No. 9, iron grey, (1
min. 40 sec.) Mr. Jones Hughes; No. 10,
chestnut, (1 min. 37 sec.) Mr. H. J. Scott;
No. 11, grey, (1 min. 37½ sec.) Mr. E. C.
Tomlin; No. 12, grey, (1 min. 38 sec.) Mr.
J. B. Irving; No. 13, grey, (1 min. 37
sec.) Mr. H. W. Dick; No. 14, grey, (1 min.
37 sec.) Mr. H. J. Scott; No. 15, grey, (1
min. 33 sec.) Mr. D. B. Sassoon.

Mr. Wodehouse held an inquest at the Gaol
to-day into the death of a prisoner named
Wong Fuk, who committed suicide this
morning by hanging himself in his cell.
The jury were Messrs John Roberts, D.
Nowrojee and P. F. Rozario. Mr. Jones,
chief warder, said the deceased was recently
admitted for a period of twelve months'
hard labour on a charge of returning from
banishment. He was well-known in Gaol,
having been six times previously convicted.
An assistant turnkey said he found the
prisoner about 9 a.m. lying dead on the
floor of his cell. There was a mark round
his neck and his towel and belt joined were
hanging from the gate of the cell. He had
apparently hanged himself and the knot
must have slipped afterwards. He was last
seen alive at 8.15 when he was working the
crank in his cell. He had had breakfast
and appeared to be all right. Prisoners
working the crank are allowed a towel to
wipe away perspiration and they wear a
canvas belt to which their chains are at-
tached. These things are taken away from
the prisoners during the night. The cell
in which deceased was confined was one of a
series all fitted up in precisely the same way.
A wooden door shut off the cell from the
passage. The prisoner had not made any
complaint. The prisoner had been called to
see the deceased, said the man was quite
dead when he saw him. Death was caused
by hanging. His Worship said there might
be one or two other points in the case to
be inquired into, and he adjourned the in-
quest till to-morrow.

Mr. Wodehouse held an inquiry at the Ma-
gistracy to-day into the death of Thomas
Carter, carpenter, who was found drowned
in the harbour on the morning of the 14th
inst. Mr. Edwards, proprietor of the Ma-
rino Hotel, said the deceased came to the
Hotel on the evening of Saturday, the 12th
inst., and had a drink. He was sober but
rather talkative. Witness did not wish to
stand talking to him in the bar and he went
along the Quay with him as far as Wilmer
Street. He never saw Carter again after
that. Carter was a well-known man in the
Colony. A Chinaman, who lived with the
deceased for twenty years, said he left
the house about 1.30 p.m. on the 12th inst.,
and did not return. There being no suspi-
cious circumstances, his Worship gave a
verdict of "found drowned."—An inquiry
was also held in the case of a patient in the
Tung Wah Hospital, who committed suicide
on the 19th inst., by hanging himself. An
attendant at the Hospital said he found the
deceased hanging to a tree in the garden
about midnight on the date mentioned. A
doctor was called at once but the man was
quite dead. The doctor said deceased had
been in the hospital since the 11th inst., and
was suffering from diarrhoea. He was last
seen alive on the evening of the 19th.
The doctor told him he was all right and
would be able to go out. The patient
said it was no use his going out, as he
was fond of opium smoking and had
better die in the hospital. The wards
were not kept locked at night but patients
were not allowed to go outside. Attend-
ants were put on watch to prevent them.
The deceased got out by a back door,
where there was no watch kept. The
witness could not say how the deceased
obtained the cord with which he hanged
himself. The inquiry was adjourned till
Friday.

THE Newswriting correspondent of the
N. Y. Daily News writes:—"Native ship-
pers are looking for the new crop of peas,
several charters having been already made
for vessels to load towards the end of the
month. There is a rumour that the railway
will soon be completed, and that it will
be a military line to connect Port
Arthur, the forts here, Munkin, and
possibly Kiriin. The contract, we hear, has
been accepted by a German firm. The s.s.
Chitwang arrived on 11th from Shanghai,
and is reported to be loamy, some of the
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